GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Arrest for Alleged Radicalisation
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the firm stand of the Government not to arrest or harass anyone for alleged radicalisation in the absence of solid evidence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked the police to remain alert against attempts to radicalise youths through online fora and strengthen the cyber security apparatus;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is true that several recruits have been radicalised through online portals; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam.
(c) & (d): Meetings under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister and Union Home Secretary have been held, wherein States were advised to formulate a framework to meet the potential challenges of radicalization through cyber space and misuse of social media.
(e) and (f): The terrorist outfits use various platforms including online portals to propagate their ideology. The Intelligence and Security Agencies maintain a close watch to identify those engaged in such anti-national activities and action is initiated against such persons under the relevant laws.

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